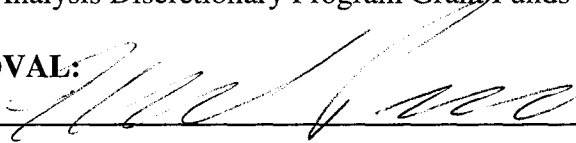


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DATE: May 3, 2007
TO: Regional Council
FROM: Wayne Moore, Chief Financial Officer, 213-236-1804, moore@scag.ca.gov
SUBJECT: FTA 5339 Alternatives Analysis Discretionary Program Grant Funds

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S APPROVAL:



RECOMMENDED ACTION:

Authorize the Executive Director, or his designee, to apply for, and if awarded, accept, Alternatives Analysis Discretionary Program grant funds.

BACKGROUND:

Pursuant to a Federal Register Notice published March 23, 2007, the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) is accepting applications for Section 5339 funds to support technical work conducted within an alternatives analysis in which one of the alternatives is a major transit capital investment. Eligible applicants nationwide include states, state authorities, local governmental authorities and MPOs.

Priority will be given for alternatives analyses that include one or more of the following tasks:

- Collect and analyze data on transit ridership patterns and use the results to validate travel forecasting models.
- Collect and analyze the travel times of buses operating in mixed traffic, and other information on the fixed on the current performance of the transit system.
- Develop/apply simplified travel forecasting approaches for Small Starts that cannot be addressed easily by existing regional travel forecasting procedures.
- Provide improved/expanded information to decision-makers considering New Starts or Small Starts funding under FTA 5309 funding.

Applications are due to the FTA May 22, 2007, with awards expected to be announced in late spring.

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Given the constrained time frame to prepare and submit applications, SCAG grant applications are currently under development and will be finalized based upon the result of outreach efforts to our local partner agencies. However, it is anticipated that applications will be submitted for data collection/analysis and forecasting studies in anticipation of proposals to extend and enhance various bus and rail corridors. If grant funding is awarded, SCAG will work with partner agencies to obtain the required local match of 20% of the total project value.

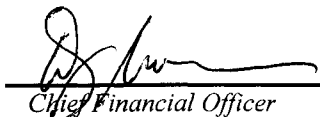
FISCAL IMPACT:

Grant funds and the required associated match will be included in SCAG's Comprehensive Budget to conduct the project. .

Reviewed
by:


Division Manager

Affirmed
by:


Chief Financial Officer